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A water filter cartridge is ~~proposed that is intended especially~~ provided for treating drinking water in beverage machines or drinking water devices, which includes a replaceable control unit to monitor the condition of the water filter cartridge (1). The water filter cartridge according to the invention ~~is intended to make~~ makes possible a reliable monitoring of its condition. This is accomplished according to the invention ~~in that the~~ by having a control unit that includes a sensor unit (11) with at least one conductance sensor (13, 14).